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**THE EARLY LIFE OF PROFESSOR ELLIOTT.** BY GEORGE C. KEIDEL, PH. D.,  
Washington, D. C. Privately Printed, pp. 10.

Dr. Keidel in a paper read before the Romance Club of Johns-Hopkins University, and now published in pamphlet form, has told in a very interesting way of the early life of Prof. A. Marshall Elliott (Johns-Hopkins 1876-1910.) Prof. Elliott's life was not at all like that of the normal teacher. Not only were his student days in America and Europe much like those of the rambling medieval scholar, but he had such experiences as being in Paris during the siege of 1870, and capture by Carlists in Spain.

**HISTORY OF THE CIVIL WAR 1861-1865.** BY JAMES FORD RHODES, LL. D.,  
D. LITT., Author of *The History of the United States from the Compromise of 1850 to the Final Restoration of Home Rule in the South in 1877* [etc.], New York. The Macmillan Company, 1917, pp. 454, with the maps.

Just at present very few people are interested in why the Civil War was fought; but vast numbers desire to know how it was fought, and of the effects of the war on the belligerents. To such this book is a boon. Dr. Rhodes has not merely used the material of his former great work, but has continued his researches. It is needless to tell American readers of his immense store of knowledge and of his method of imparting it. From end to end one can see earnest desire to be fair and impartial, and yet, fair as he is, we are still near enough to the great struggle for it to be evident that there are many instances in which a Southern writer with the same knowledge, and the same desire for equal justice, would have drawn different conclusions.

**A HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES SINCE THE CIVIL WAR.** BY ELLIS PAXSON  
OBERHOLZER. In five volumes. Vol. I, 1865-1868. New York:  
The Macmillan Company 1917, pp. 578.

With the exception of special students the present generation of Americans probably knows more about the Norman Conquest than it does of the years following the Civil War. Yet there is no history of more importance to us and none that we should be more familiar with. Beginning with the Evacuation of Richmond and ending on the eve of Johnson's impeachment, this volume can be most highly commended. From cover to cover it contains a mass of information of absorbing interest. Political, economic and social history is treated of at length with a profusion of detail and clearness of statement which makes this momentous period pass vividly before the reader.

**HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.** BY HENRY WILLIAM  
ELSON, PH. D. New York: The Macmillan Company 1917.  
pp. 950, XXXIX, with 34 maps.

The author says in the preface "For many years I have contemplated